



### Regional Active Travel Newsletters

The Regional Active Travel Newsletters are quarterly newsletters that we produce to provide updates and insight during the development of our Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan. To view this newsletter and previously published newsletters, please visit the Transport for the South East Active Travel webpage at: <https://transportforthesoutheast.org.uk/active-travel/>

### Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan Overview

Transport for the South East (TfSE) is developing the first phase of the Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan (RATSAP). The RATSAP will **aggregate, complement, and support work being undertaken by local authorities** across the region. We are currently in Stage 3: Strategic Network Development.



### Thank You!

Following our request for images at the end of our last newsletter, we received a bunch of great photos, some of which have been included and credited below. We are still accepting images, so if you have any images of people walking, wheeling, cycling, running, or horse riding within the south east region that you would be willing to share (and hold permissions for), please send them to [katie.lamb@transportforthesoutheast.org.uk](mailto:katie.lamb@transportforthesoutheast.org.uk)



Courtesy of: Bracknell Forest Council



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## Evidence Base Findings

During the baseline evidence review, we looked at different data sources to identify the challenges and opportunities that this RATSAP will need to address. The TfSE region is large and diverse. In order to support an increase in the use of active travel for all kinds of journeys we will need to account for different needs and requirements across the region. A summary of the key challenges and opportunities is shown below:

### Key Challenges

- ▶ Socio-economic inequalities
- ▶ Promoting physical activity
- ▶ Promoting rural cycling culture
- ▶ Healthcare accessibility
- ▶ Rural network gaps
- ▶ Balance of safety & mobility
- ▶ Catering for different journey types

### Key Opportunities

- ▶ Reducing carbon emissions and air pollution
- ▶ Addressing the needs of an aging population
- ▶ Supporting schools
- ▶ Community engagement
- ▶ Long-distance travel
- ▶ Tourism & local economy

Our review of local plans and strategies across the region, as well as discussions with the Steering Group, have identified these key themes for active travel:



Reduce pollution and emissions



Reduce inequalities



Improve health & wellbeing



Support economic wellbeing & tourism



Safer infrastructure and better maintained



Integration between transport options

## What Have We Achieved This Quarter?

- ✓ We have **compiled and analysed data** across the region to build a database and model to inform the identification of a strategic network.
- ✓ Using the above, we have written the **Evidence Base Report**. The content from this report will be incorporated into the final RATSAP.
- ✓ We have begun work on a **methodology to inform and identify a Strategic Active Travel Network** for the region.
- ✓ We have **continued to engage with stakeholders across the region**.